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James M. Thames, Friend Of Education And Former Sheriff, Dies At Age Of 81

James M. Thames of Decatur, former postmaster at Decatur and one-time Newton County sheriff, died at the Newton Hospital on Dec. 26. Mr. Thames, 81, had been a patient at the hospital for several weeks.

Funeral services were held at Decatur United Methodist Church on Monday of this week at 3 p.m. Burial was in Decatur Cemetery.

Mr. Thames was born Feb. 18, 1894, and was reared near Collinsville, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thames. He graduated from Newton County Agricultural High School, forerunner of East Central Junior College, attended Mississippi A.&M. College (now Mississippi State University) and Commercial College in Ft. Worth, Tex. During World War I he served two years in the Navy, seeing duty in the West Indies.

He was deputy sheriff of Newton County from 1920 to 1924 and then elected as sheriff

for a full four-year term, the youngest man ever to serve in this Newton County office.

A promoter of education, Mr. Thames was one of the group that was instrumental in establishing East Central Junior College at Decatur and served as trustee of the institution for 24 years. He assisted about 20 young men to attend ECJC by giving them work at the Decatur Post Office, where he served as postmaster from 1928 to 1964.

Mr. Thames was instrumental in bringing the first electric light plant to Decatur, later sold to Southern Utilities.

He was a partner in the first cotton gin and helped secure the National Guard Unit in Decatur. He was an enthusiastic worker with Boy

Scouts and served as chairman for the Centennial Celebration of the town.

At the Methodist Church, he had been a board member since 1923 and continued as an active worker through the years. He was a member of Evergreen Masonic Lodge, Hamasa Shrine Temple, American Legion Post, VFW, charter member of Exchange and Methodist Men's Club. Since retirement as postmaster, he was an insurance agent.

Mr. Thames was a prominent citizen of his town, county, state and nation. He devoted time and energy to good government on all levels. He remained active following his retirement from the post office

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J. M. Thames-

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and had a keen concern for his fellow man.

Mr. Thames leaves his wife, Mrs. Helen Thames, and four children, James Jr., president of the Bank of Bay Springs; Reginald, owner of Thames Tractor and Equipment Co., Decatur; Mrs. Lloyd Gray (Frances), Memphis, and Billy Jack, owner and operator of The Brass Knob, Newton. He also is survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, a brother, Emmett Thames of Carthage, and two sisters, Mrs. Nate Brooks and Mrs. Fred George, both of Collinsville.

The Rev. H. G. Winstead, the Rev. Gus Merritt of Decatur and the Rev. James Benson of Meridian officiated at the service. The music was furnished by Mrs. Debbie Sinko, Mr. Thames' granddaughter, and Miss Jean Pennington.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers included Kermit Thames, Jack Thames, Kirk Thames, Jimmy Thames, Joe Sinko and David Howse. Honorary pallbearers were listed as members of the Decatur United Methodist Church Adult Men's Sunday School Class, men of the Knife and Fork Club, and Bill Rowzee, Frank Gaines, Dr. A. P. Boggan, H. E. McInnis, Paul D. Measell and Lloyd Gray.

Stephens Funeral Home directed arrangements and many friends and relatives called at the Decatur chapel to be with the family and later attended the rites.

Dr. C. V. Wright Named Junior College Director

Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of East Central Junior College, was recently selected for a two-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges.

Approximately 400 junior colleges belong to the organization, an affiliate of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Wright was also appointed to the Appeals Committee of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

This committee is for colleges which sought accreditation and were refused and wished to appeal.

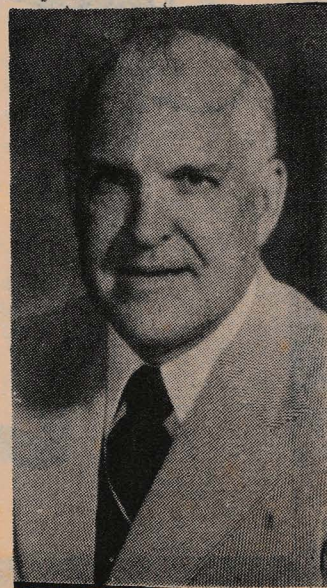
He has served as chairman of numerous committees for junior colleges seeking accreditation.

Dr. Wright has also served as chairman of the Admissions Committee for Junior Colleges

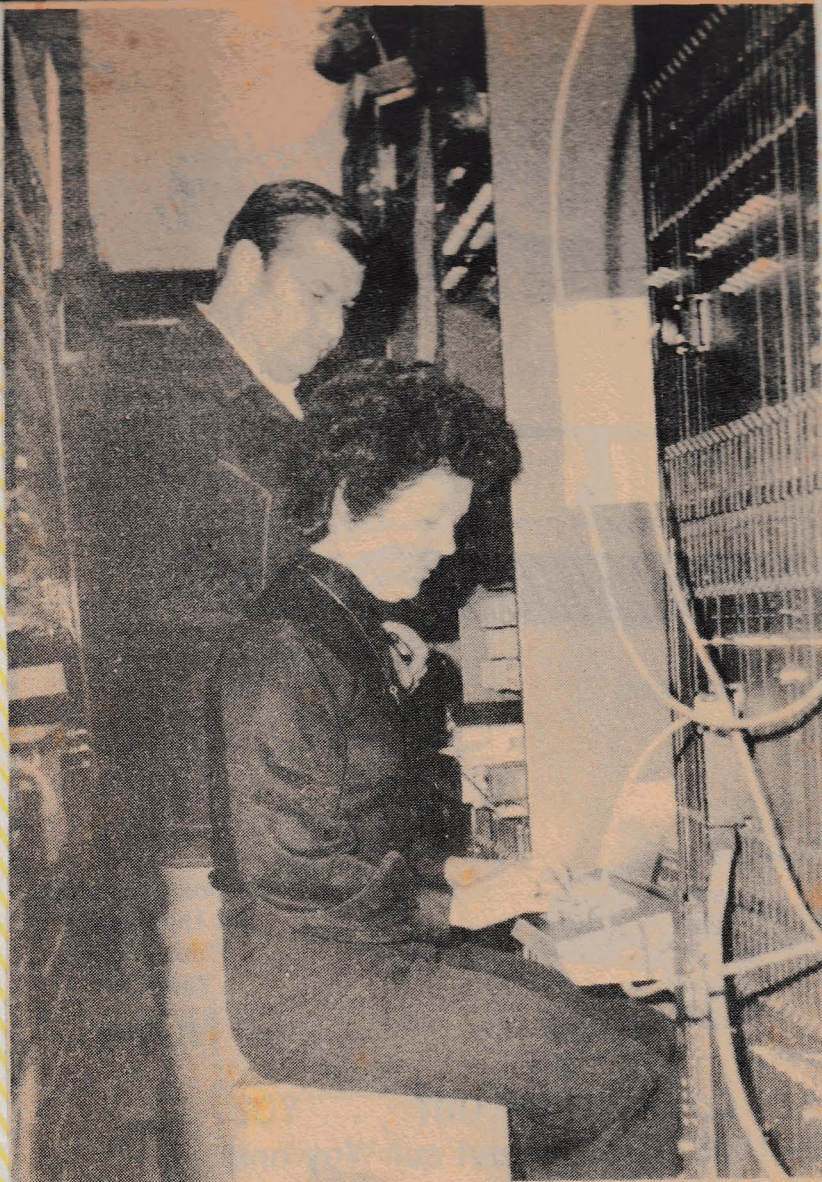
of the Commission on Colleges for five years and was a member of the committee for six years.



JAMES M. THAMES



DR. C. V. WRIGHT



NEW DIGITAL SYSTEM

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bailey are looking over some of the new equipment of the digital system that will go into effect on December 30, replacing the existing switching and transmission system of the Decatur Telephone Company. On December 30, the Decatur Telephone Company will become the first "all digital" telephone Company in the United States.

Photo by Lois Cooper

Outstanding Instructors

"Outstanding Instructors of the Year"
for 1985-86

Mr. Alfred Bailey and Mr. Bruce Guraedy were announced as East Central Junior College's "Outstanding Vocational and Academic Instructors of the Year", respectively.

Guraedy, a native of Forest, has been the art instructor at ECJC for 10 years. His courses of instruction include Drawing, Design, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Art Appreciation, Art for Teachers, and Art History. He also conducts Continuing Education night courses in Adult Painting and Intensi Crafts.

His art works have been exhibited throughout the state of Mississippi and are also the property of many private collectors throughout the Southeast and Northwest region of the United States.

Married to the former Linda Kay Knighton, Guraedy has one three year old son, Jason. They reside in Newton and are members of the Christ Lutheran Church in Meridian.

Mr. Al Bailey, chosen as the "Vocational Instructor of the Year" has been an instructor of Remedial Related Studies in the Vocational department of ECJC since January, 1972. A native Scott countian, he attended East Central and went on to receive his BS from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his Masters from Mississippi State University. He has had additional work at Memphis Tech, Memphis Area Vocational School, University of Tennessee, and Memphis State.

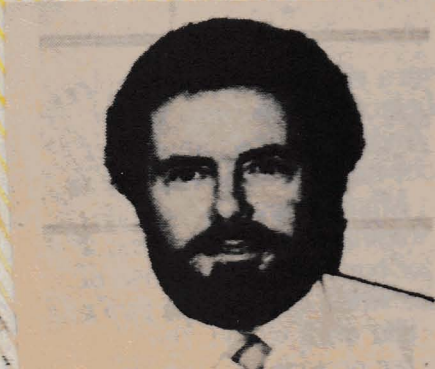
Bailey is actively involved in the Chapel Hill Development Club and the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, where he holds the position of Deacon and Church Clerk. He is also a Moderator of the Bethany Baptist Association.

He is married to the former Freda McKee and they have 2 children, Al - 12, and Allison - 6 years of age.

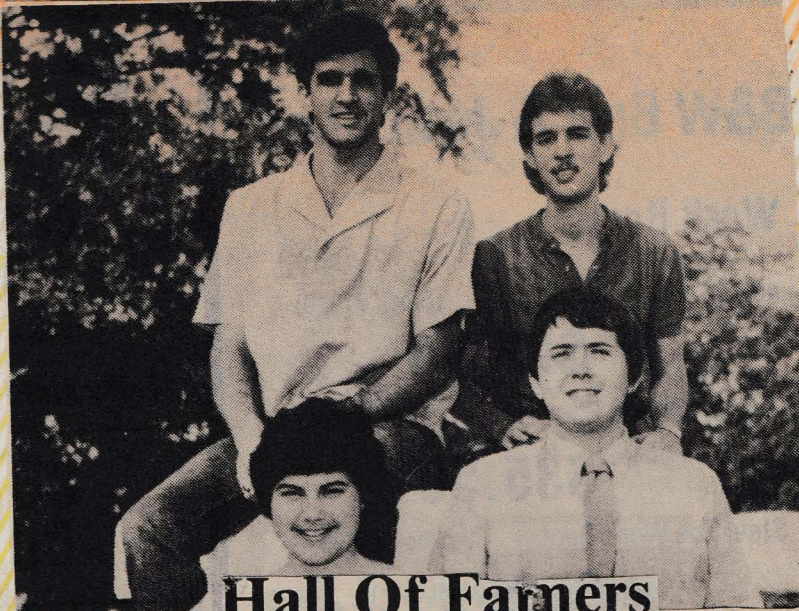
Everyone is invited to attend Homecoming activities on October 19 and join in honoring these two



Guraedy



Bailey



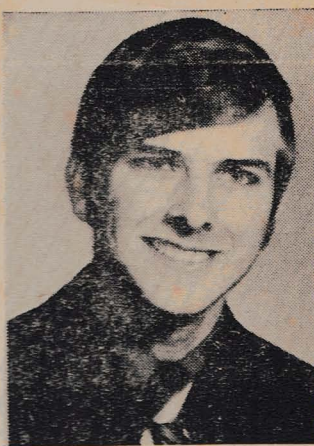
Hall Of Famers

East Central Junior College names four to the Hall of Fame for 1984-85. Honored are (front, l to r) Tina Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hollingsworth of Lake; Christopher Gilmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmer of Forest; (back, l to r) Charles Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mac Edwards of Conehatta; and Andy Thaggard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thaggard of Philadelphia.

One of the most prestigious honors that a student may receive at ECJC, the selection of the Hall of Fame is based on leadership, scholarship, character, and extra-curricular participation. A faculty committee makes the selection from nominees made by both faculty and students. A picture of each chosen member will be hung in the foyer of Huff Auditorium with past Hall of Fame honorees.



NENETTE LEATHERWOOD



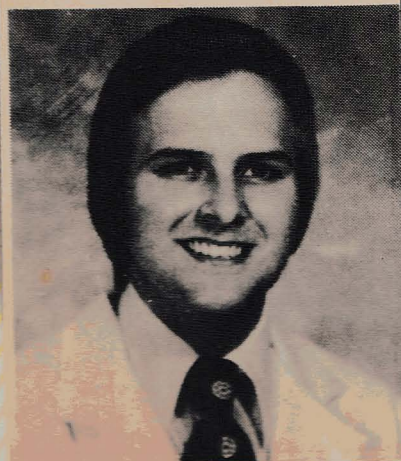
JACK EVANS

Hall Of Fame At East Central Includes Two From County

EVANS TO RECEIVE MD DEGREE

Jack Evans will receive his M.D. degree during commencement exercises for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, on June 1. Dr. Evans is an honor graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Mississippi. Future plans are a three year residency in family medicine at St. Joseph East Hospital in Memphis, Tn.

Dr. Evans is the son of Mrs. Mattie R. Evans of Decatur and the late Colbery H. "Bert" Evans. He is married to the former Betty Nester of Lake and they have a two year-old son, Eric Christopher.





SPEAKER — James Robison, one of America's most dynamic and influential evangelists, will be the featured speaker Sunday night at East Central Junior College in Decatur during a "Rally for Christ," beginning at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Robison will conduct an areawide evangelistic crusade in the county during the period of June 24-July 1.

Sentence Sermons

If we can't believe what the Bible says about our origin, how can we believe what it says about our destiny?

James Robison

A church's greatest growth must occur in the heart of its pastor.

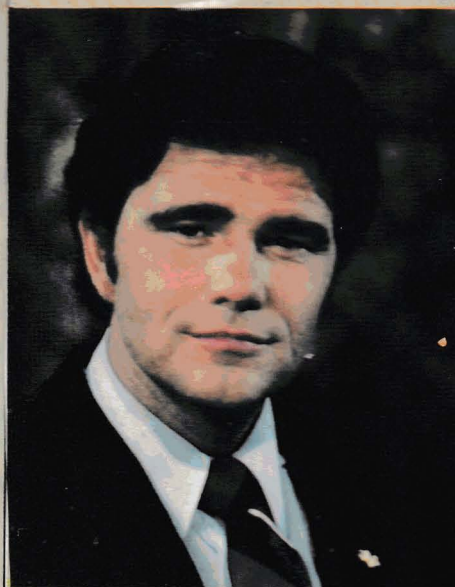
James Robison

Today's churches may use dialogue, debate and drama, but there is no substitute for the preaching of the Word of God through the church.

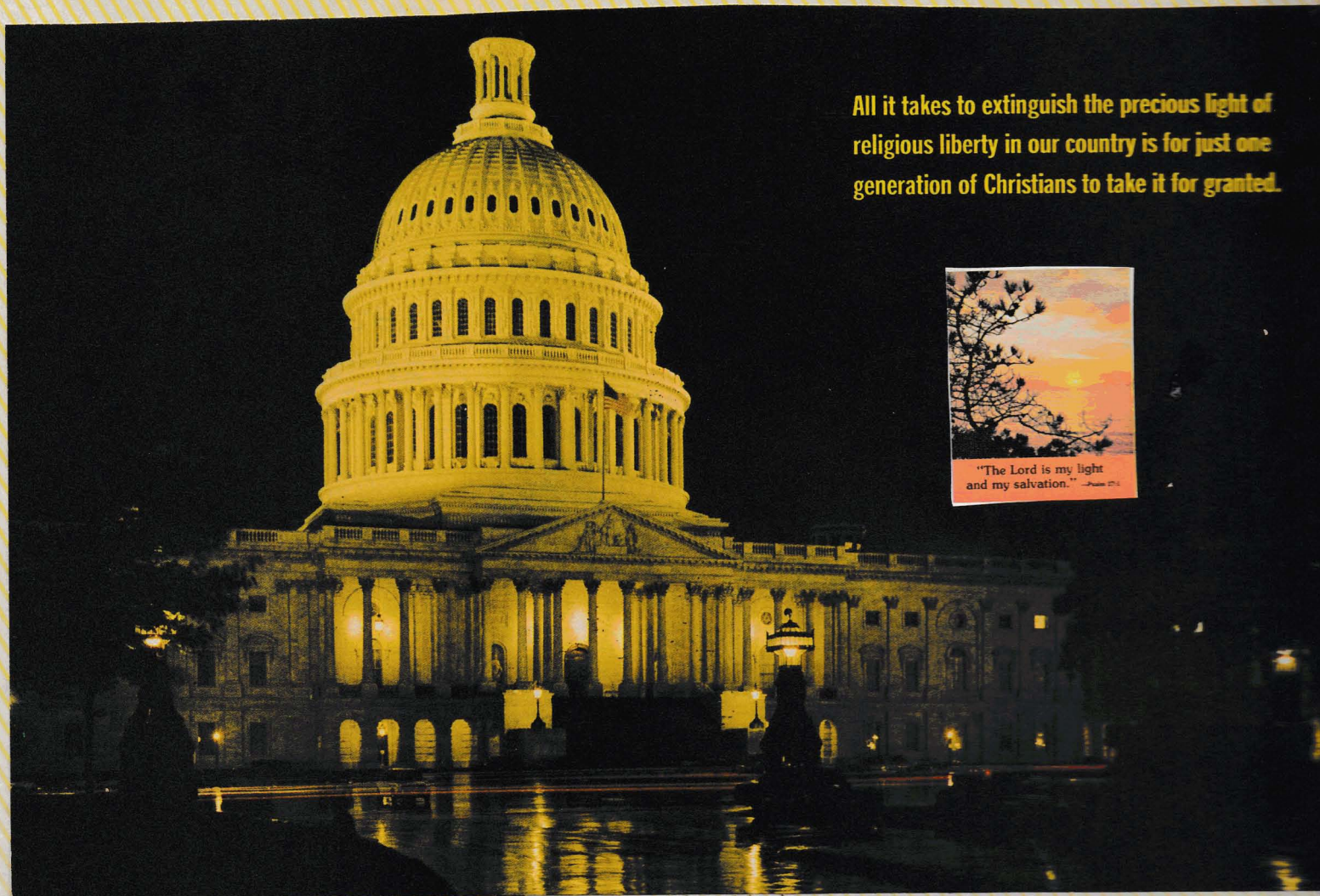
James Robison

Grace is not to give freedom to sin, but to bring freedom from sin.

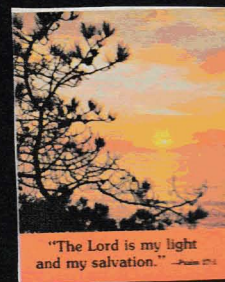
C. Norman Bartlett



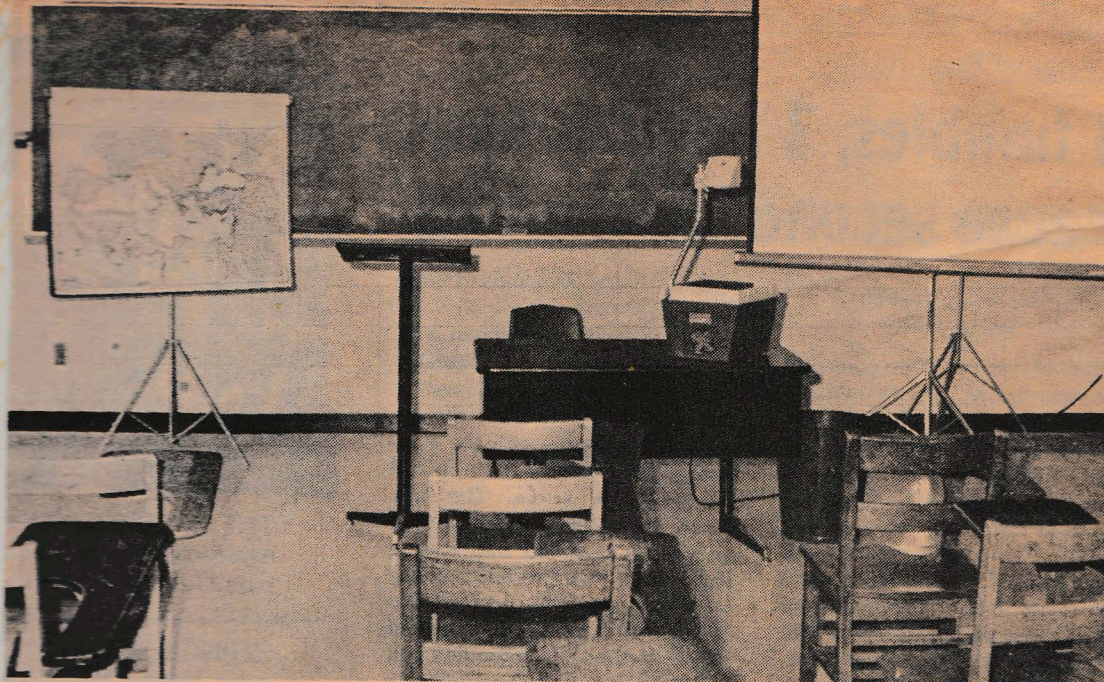
CRUSADE THEME CHORUS "CHRIST IS ALL I NEED"



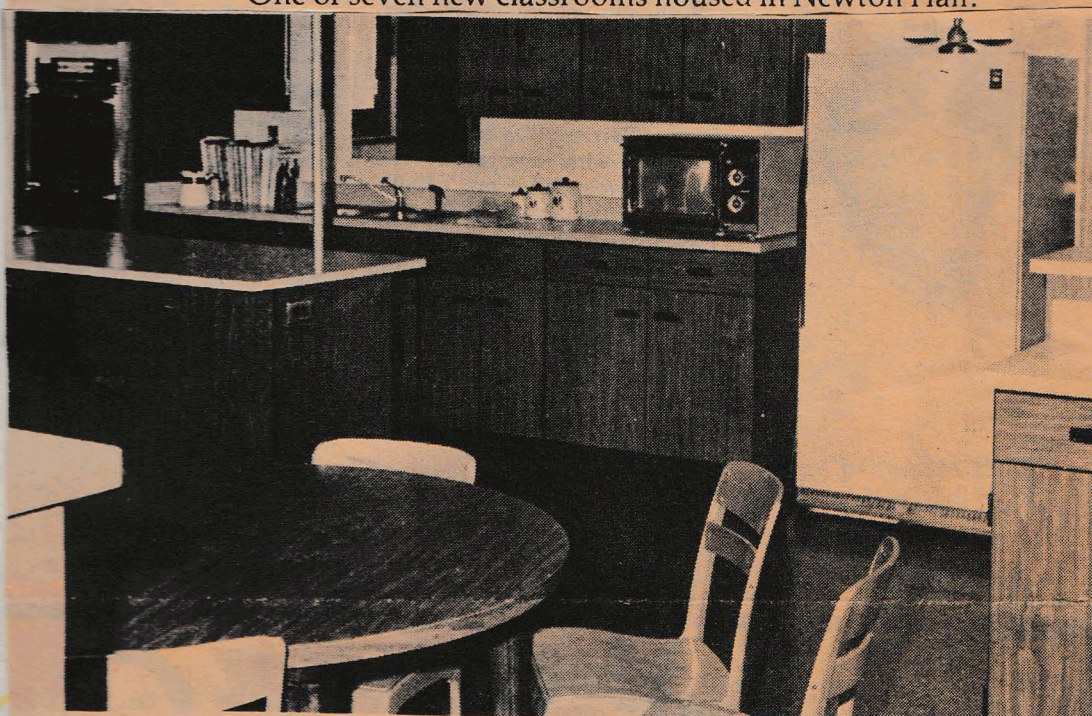
All it takes to extinguish the precious light of religious liberty in our country is for just one generation of Christians to take it for granted.



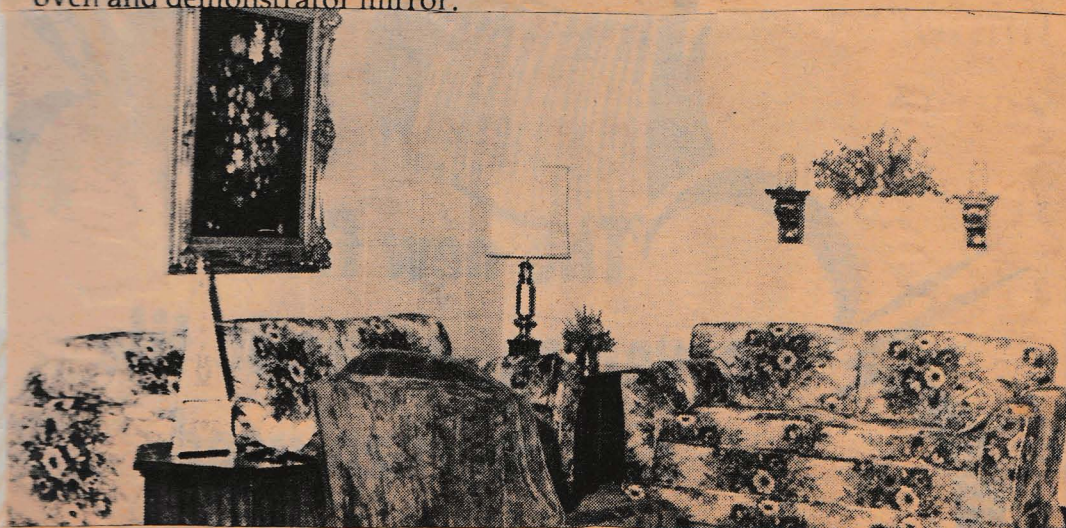
"The Lord is my light and my salvation." —Psalm 138:1



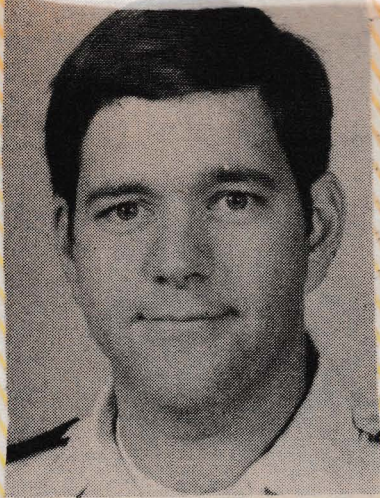
One of seven new classrooms housed in Newton Hall.



Demonstration Kitchen in the Home Economics Department with microwave oven and demonstrator mirror.



Living and dining room area for teas, receptions, formal and informal dining



Capt. Leonard C. Fick

Fick Receives Medal

Capt. Leonard C. Fick, a member of the 183rd Military Airlift Squadron, 172nd Military Airlift Group, recently received the Meritorious Service Medal. The citation accompanying the award stated, "Captain Leonard C. Fick distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as an Instructor, 452nd Flying Training Squadron, and as a Flight Training Supervisor and Assistant Flight Commander, 449th Flying Training Squadron, 323d Flying Training Wing, Mather Air Force Base, California, from 21 April 1984 to 31 August 1987. During this period, the superior leadership, professionalism, and self-sacrifice of Captain Fick contributed significantly to the quality of navigator training graduates. In addition, his outstanding contributions to the development of the training curriculum will have lasting impact on the quality of future graduates. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Captain Fick while serving his country reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Richardson Named To National Hall Of Honor

Randy Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Richardson of Union, has been named to the national Phi Theta Kappa Hall of Honor. Randy is a member of Theta Xi Chapter at East Central Junior College and president of the Mississippi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Recognition of his service to Phi Theta Kappa was made at the national convention in Kansas City on April 10. Randy is one of only 10 students in the United States selected for this honor, one of the highest bestowed upon a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Randy is majoring in pre-med. Since his enrollment at ECJC, he has been a member of the French Club and Phi Theta Kappa. He has served as reporter of the French Club, president of the Mississippi-Tennessee Region of Phi Theta Kappa, and received such honors as the Frank Leatherwood Memorial Biological Scholarship, Freshman Chemistry Award, and Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. He has been named to the President's List for two years.

Others attending the convention were: Bobby Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Cleveland of Union; Debbie Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Livingston of Louisville; Teresa Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Walton of Union; Teresa Warnock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warnock of Vicksburg; and Nelda Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Evans of Union. Sponsors accompanying the group were Mrs. Sara Heard and Mr. Thomas Mayes.



RANDY RICHARDSON



Appointed Senate Pages

Ovid Vickers, left, and Mike Cooper, right, both of Decatur, appointed Senate Pages to serve the week of February 11, by Senator Alan Hefflin. Ovid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers. He is a Life Scout in Troop No. 46, is manager of the football and baseball teams and is active in community activities. He is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church and M.Y.F. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper. He is a Life Scout in Troop No. 46. He is a member of the Beta Club, a member of the "A Team", the annual staff and Mu Alpha Theta. He is a member of the high school football and baseball teams. He is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church and M.Y.F.



ECJC Cheerleaders

The East Central Junior College Cheerleaders have begun a new year of boosting the winning spirit of ECJC. Performing at rallies, ballgames, and other campus activities this year are (top row) Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia, Summer Nolen of Newton, Tracy Williams of Newton, Wanda Ezell of Decatur, Susan Miller of Union, Donna Miller (right) of Philadelphia, and Kim Phillips of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Patty Wilson of Collinsville.



DR. CHARLES WRIGHT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my happy privilege to welcome you to the football games of this 1979-80 session and at the same time welcome you to the campus of East Central Junior College.

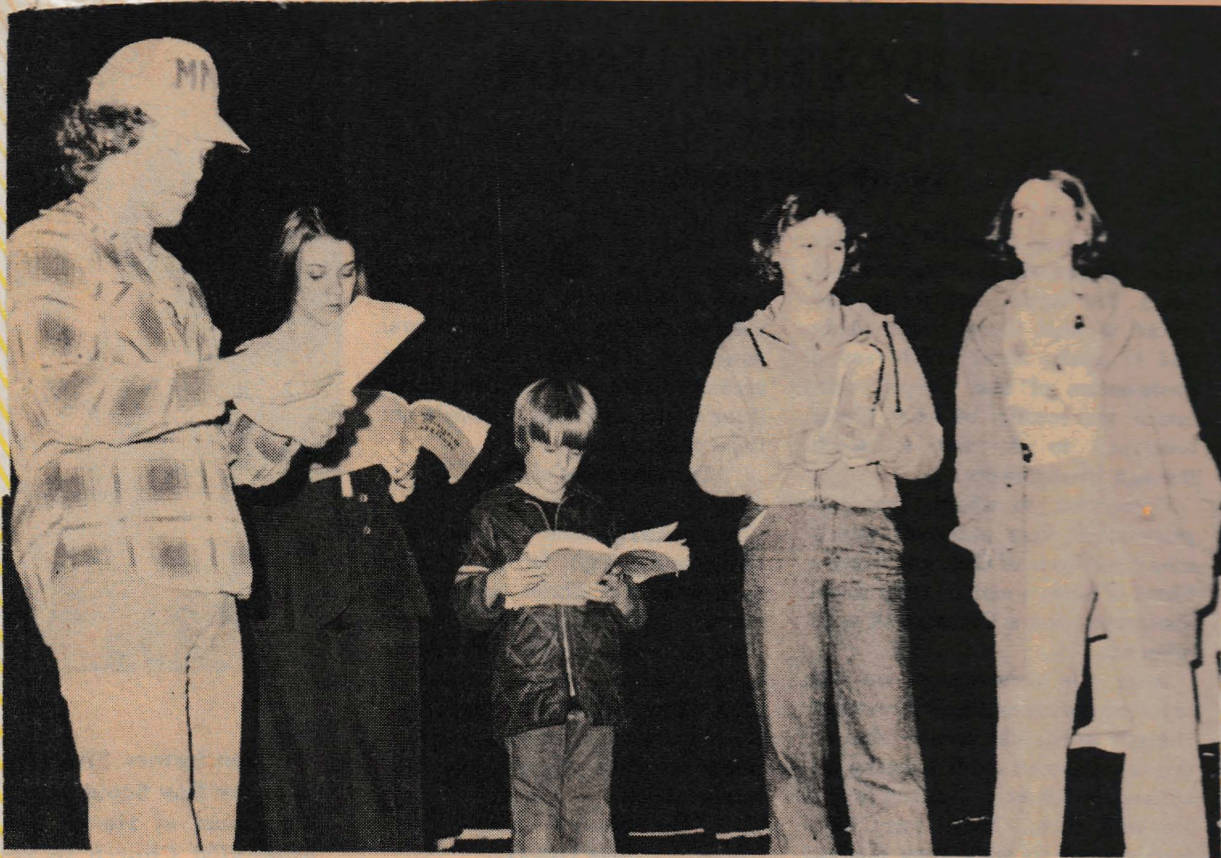
It has been our privilege to serve in east central Mississippi for more than 50 years. East Central Junior College district is comprised of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties and is constantly striving to serve the students of this area in both academic and vocational-technical training.

We know that your presence with us will help to boost our team to a victorious season. Now we ask that you relax, enjoy the ballgame and your visit to East Central Junior College.



EAST CENTRAL FOOTBALL SQUAD 1979-80





REHEARSING

Rehearsing a scene from the "Sound of Music", to be presented March 13-17 by East Central Junior College, are: [from left] Gary Jones of Morton, who will appear as Max; Julie Goodwin of Newton, Steve Deaton of Decatur, Alicia Pouncey of Decatur, and Senita Dearing of Union, who will all portray Captain Von Trapp's children. Tickets are \$3 each and

can be obtained by sending a check or money order to: Tickets, Box 16, East Central Junior College, Decatur, along with a stamped self-addressed envelope or instructions to hold your tickets at the door. All seats are reserved. Get your tickets early as there is limited seating available.



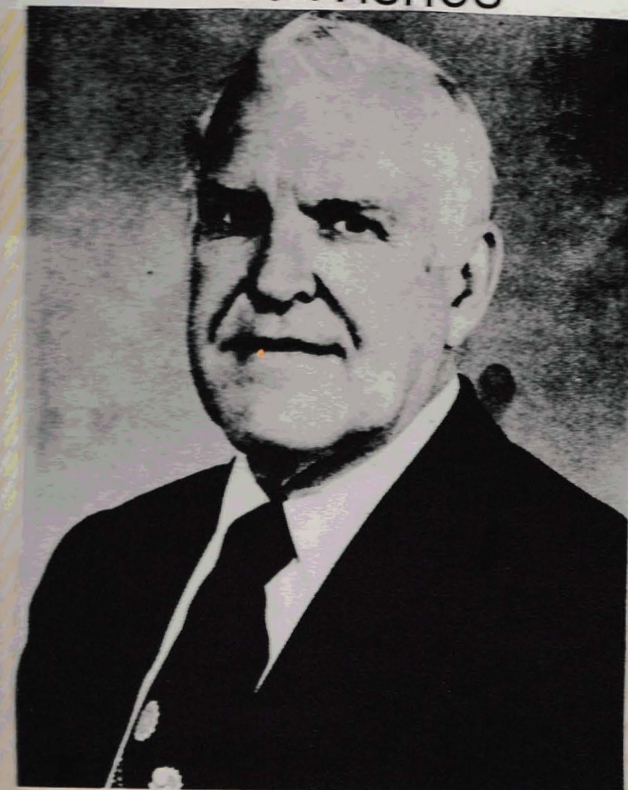
ECJC HALL OF FAME—Four East Central Junior College students have been inducted into the Hall of Fame for the 1974-75 school year. Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest

honor a student can receive. Hall of Famers, from left are: Tom Carson of Conehatta, Lynn Russell of Decatur, Paul Chaney of Hickory and Margaret Ann Taylor of Decatur.



Alumni officers are, seated: John Risher and Jessie Everett. Standing, Doyle McMullan, Lois Cooper, J. P. Hurst, Mack Spence, Hubert Hodgins and Hilda Collier.

1928 50 Years 1978
of Quality Education
Best Wishes



DR. CHARLES V. WRIGHT



Dr. Wright and Mrs. Nellie Cross are accepting a picture of Dr. L. O. Todd, which is to be placed in the Wesley Room. Presenting the picture is Mrs. Todd, center.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We extend to you a cordial Welcome to the East Central Junior College campus and to athletic contests of this 50th Year of the institution.

As one of Mississippi's Public Junior Colleges, East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties and is constantly striving to serve the students of this area in both their academic and Vocational-Technical needs.

I know that you join us in hoping for a victorious season for our teams.

Relax, enjoy the ballgame and your visit with us.

*Arrival Cake in Parade in Street of Decatur
(Picture of Cake)*





SIXTY-ONE YEAR-OLD COURTHOUSE
—The county officials and Judge O. H. Barnett stand before the historic courthouse at Decatur during the last term of court in the structure. Demolition

will begin and bids are accepted for rebuilding most of the building. This will be the sixth courthouse in the county, the first being erected in the 1840s.
(Staff Photo by Lois Cooper)

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150 YEARS OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS

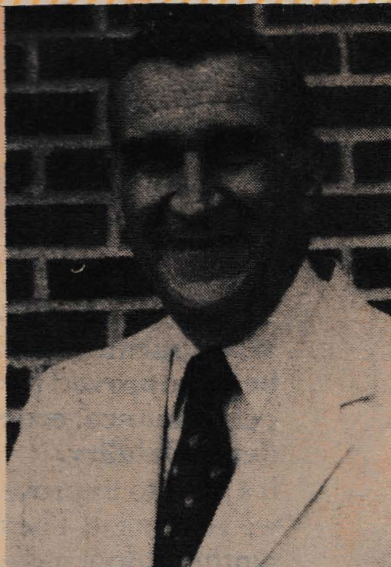
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Newton County Courthouse 1986



Denver Brackeen



Ovid Vickers

ECJC Honors Two

ECJC Alumnus Of The Year

Distinguished Faculty Award

Denver Brackeen of Decatur has been selected as the 1982 "Alumnus of the Year" by the East Central Junior College Alumni Association. Brackeen will be honored at Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 9. A reception will be held in Brackeen's honor in the Fine Arts Building at 4:30. He will be recognized at the Alumni Banquet in Mabry Cafeteria at 5:30 and during half-time ceremonies at the East Central-Pearl River game. After the game an open house in his honor will be held in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Center.

In addition to receiving a degree from East Central Junior College, Brackeen earned a B.S. in Physical Education and a Masters of Education from the University of Mississippi, and completed 30 hours of further degree work toward a doctorate in education.

Ovid Vickers, longtime English instructor at East Central Junior College, has been chosen to receive the 1982 "Distinguished Faculty Award" by the East Central Junior College Alumni Association. The selection of Vickers for this award was made on the basis of his love of teaching, his interest in students, and his ability to enliven his classes while not diminishing the effectiveness of his teaching. Vickers will be honored at Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 9 including a reception in the Fine Arts Building at 4:30, the Alumni Banquet in Mabry Cafeteria at 5:30, during half-time ceremonies at the East Central-Pearl River game, and after the game with an open house in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Center.

Vickers came to East Central in 1955 from Peabody College where he was a Master's Fellow.

Not many people know that Ovid Vickers of Decatur received the first East Central Junior College Distinguished Faculty Award presented by the ECJC Alumni Association in the spring. Mr. Vickers was a most deserving recipient of this award. Everywhere you go and meet former ECJC students, the first question they usually ask is, "How is Mr. Vickers". He has touched many lives down through the years. You feel his sincere interest in each student. He is dedicated to his teaching and the institution. He has been asked to serve on panels, to act as Master of Ceremony, and even fill in when a pastor is away. No matter what he is asked to do, he fills the duty superbly.

Mr. Vickers mentioned to me the other day that he writes a column each week for his home town paper in Eastman, Georgia, **THE DODGE COUNTY TIMES JOURNAL**. He is a poet and loves to tell tales of days gone by. His poetry has been printed in literary journals across the South.

Mr. Vickers is a truly professional individual. He has served as an officer in the Mississippi Folklore Society almost since its inception. The Southeastern Conference of English Teachers annually elects him to an office. He stays current with new ideas and new approaches to teaching.

Not many teachers can make learning fun. Mr. Vickers can make his classes a truly fun learning experience. You feel his brilliance in his subject matter, and his caring attitude toward his students. I shall never forget my class under Mr. Vickers. He stands out as one of the greatest teachers I ever had. I know that my opinion is shared by many.

Usually the Mr. ECJC honor goes to a student, but if a faculty member could receive that title, it surely would go to Mr. Vickers.

School is starting this week. The children will be coming home with assignments for new classes. Their success in school this year will depend greatly on our support. Good luck to all of the teachers and students for a good school year.

Centralettes chosen for this fall at East Central Junior College include Decatur girls Tammy Webb and Karen Tingle. The band program will miss James Dykes this year, but we are hearing many good reports on the new band director, Tom Carson. We wish him good luck in his first year at ECJC. Tom is a former ECJC student.

By Lois Cooper



Members 1st Row L to R: Bobbie Collier, South Leake; Carla Halley, Morton; Esther Thomas, Louisville; Faye Quinn, Noxapater; Faye Russell, Union.
 2nd Row: Velma Smith, Union; Jo Lynn Elkins, Morton; Cheryl Gibbon, Hickory; Joyce Watkins, Lake; Sheila Gilmer, Carthage.
 3rd Row: Lucille Wood, Coach; Charlene Jones, Forest; Irma Dean Johnson, Scott Central; Mona Tucker, Forest; Jo Ann Darby, South Leake, Mgr.; Skippy Latham, Sebastop

ECJC CHEERLEADERS



JOE CLARK
Tennis Coach



KEN POUNCEY
Football Coach

Left to right: Gwen Dickinson, Newton; Julie Wright, Louisville; Julie Goodwin, Headcheerleader, Munn, Philadelphia; Malinda Roebuck, Union; Tamara Sammons, Louisville; Peggy Smith, Decatur.

Newton; Rita Gail Smith, Union; Brenda

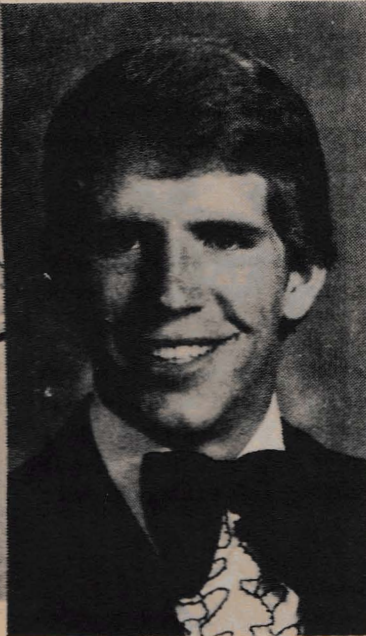
**We support all ECJC teams
Friends in Decatur**

Newton Record 6/85 McMullan Serving As Scholar's Advisor



SILVER PUNCH CUPS

Mrs. Martha Graham, sponsor of the last years sophomore class presents Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of East Central Junior College with one of the forth silver punch cups which the class gave the college. Throughout the years at East Central it has been a custom that each sophomore class present the college with a gift showing continuing involvement with the school. In the past years a silver punch bowl, two silver trays, two candelabums, and a complete coffee service has been presented to the school. Under the supervision of the Home Economics Department the silver is used for teas, receptions and social functions sponsored by the college. Officers for the 1977-78 class were: Ricky Harrison, President; Shannon Cleveland, Vice-President; Senita Dearing, Secretary; and Cheryl Newell, Treasurer. Sponsors were: Ovid Vickers and Mrs. Martha Graham.



Mike McMullan

Mike McMullan of Decatur is

serving as senior advisor to the 141 Presidential Scholars being honored in Washington this week. Mike was chosen in 1983 as one of two seniors in Mississippi to be a Presidential Scholar and was selected as one of six from that group to return as an advisor. Among the many activities of the week is a reception at the White House with President Reagan.

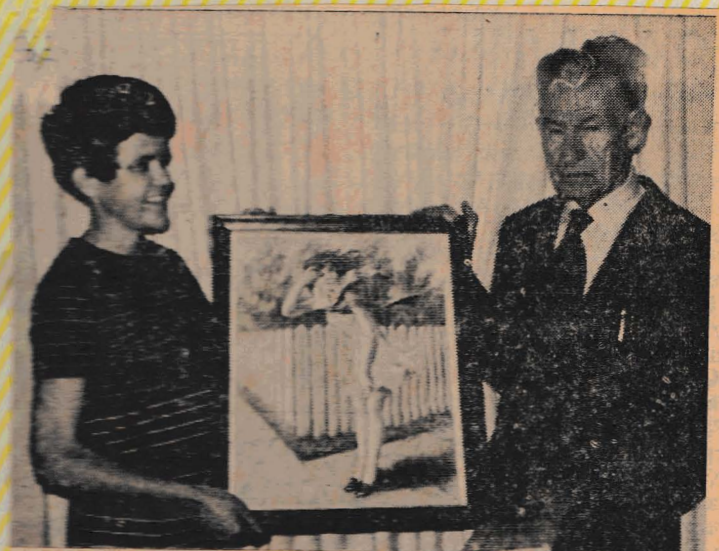
Mike attends the University of Southern Mississippi where he was selected as the Most Outstanding Freshman Male and as the Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Student. He is currently serving as president of Lambda Sigma honorary society and of Sigma Chi social fraternity and is a member of Southern Style and of Pi Kappa Pi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McMullan of Decatur.



DENVER BRACKEEN
Dean of Students



DAVID BRADBERRY
Football and Baseball
Coach



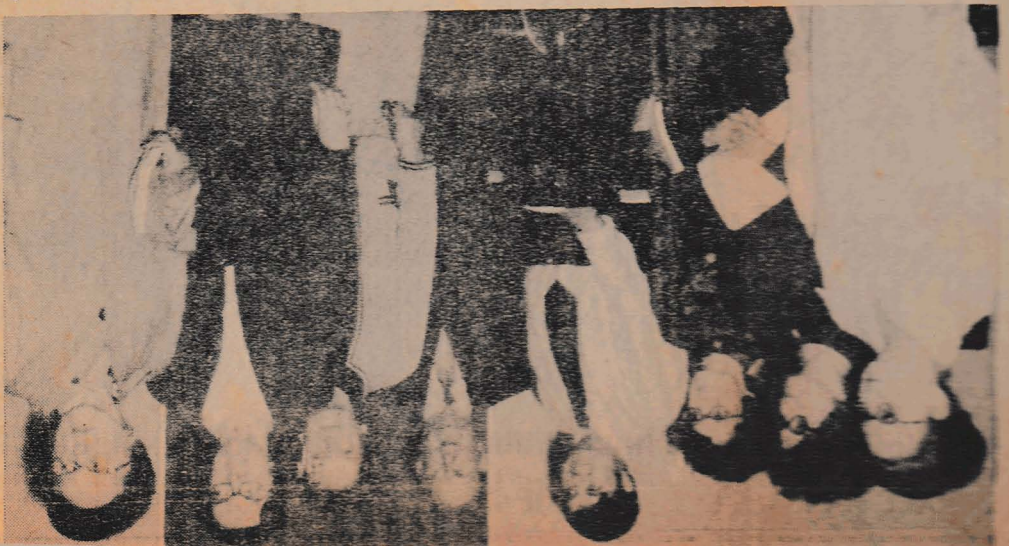
POET PRESENTS BOOK TO DECATUR LIBRARY— Leo Horan presents the original painting, copy of which is on the cover of his latest book, *Beauty in a Breeze and Other Poems*, to Mrs. Bobby Everett, chairman of the Decatur Public Library trustees. Mr. Horan, author and resident of Decatur, presented a complimentary copy of his book and the original painting.



ECJC Singing Christmas Tree

NEWTON CHORALE PARTICIPANTS
 —The recently-formed Newton Choral group is meeting with great success as community people and college students join together each Thursday night for an hour of extensive vocal coaching and rehearsal of music to be presented in a spring concert.
 Under the direction of Clarke Adams of the College faculty, the group is concentrating on selections from the oratorio "Elijah." Pictured with Mr. Adams

at last week's rehearsal are several individuals who regularly drive from Decatur to participate in the Choral. Left to right: Mrs. J. H. Cox, Mrs. Kenneth Chaney, Mrs. J. W. Thrash, Mr. Adams, J. M. Thames, Mrs. A. H. Gunt-er, Miss Gail Fulton, Mrs. J. M. Thames. Not pictured, but also participating from Decatur, is Mrs. Milton Thornton.



Mrs. Mary McMullan, 88, is the sister-in-law of Miss Mary Lou McMullan and is survived by one son, one daughter, one grandson and several nieces and nephews in Newton County. **(1979)** T.L. (Thurmon) Everett died at 9:30 p.m. April 29 at St. Dominic's Hospital. The body was at Stephens Funeral Home in Decatur Monday. The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday from Clarke Veneable Baptist Church.

The only woman who was wife of one president and mother of another was **Abigail Smith Adams.**

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DECATUR MATRON DIES SUDDENLY JULY 20

Mrs. Eva Kate Cox of Decatur died Sunday, July 20, 1975 at Lard Hospital in Union, following a brief illness. She was the former Kate Munday, a native of Nesbode County, and her parents were the late Cora Tingle, Robert M. Wall, Larry Tingle, Tony Wilkerson and Ronnie Johnson. Music was furnished by Donald Dukes, Car. The Cores moved to Decatur in July, 1953, and until their retirement, owned and operated Cox Department Store. Mrs. Cox leaves two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Wall of Decatur and Mrs. Clara Bass of Woodville; one brother, the Rev. Riley Munday of Columbia, S. C., and a number of nieces and nephews.

ETHRIDGE-PHILLIPS

David Ethridge and Karen Phillips were married Thursday afternoon, July 24, in Livingston, Ala. Judge W. E. Dearman officiated at the double-ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate family. A reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's parents Mr. and Mrs. David Ethridge, Decatur. Following a short honeymoon on the Gulf Coast, Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge are at home in Decatur. Mrs. Cox's funeral was held Sunday Club.

Stewart Cline Cook

Funeral services for Stewart Cline Cook, 74, Decatur, were held Friday, Sept. 12, from the Clarke Veneable Baptist Church. The Rev. Gus Merritt and the Rev. Hubert Gardner officiated. Cook, who died Sept. 10, was a former president of the Newton County Farm Bureau, a long time employee of the Hickory Co-Op, a member of Evergreen Masonic Lodge #77 and of the Clarke Veneable Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Lee Barrett Cook; one son, Cline Gerald Cook, Columbus, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. George (Ludy) Webber, Santa Cruz, Calif., Mrs. Joe N. (Susie) Smith, Irving, Texas, and Mrs. Max (Carolyn) Huey, Peral; four sisters, Mrs. Wilda Nelson and Mrs. Lillie Cross, both of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Lois Goodwin, Vossburg and Mrs. Lude Baumgartner, Madison, Wis.; three brothers, Bob Cook, Cochran, Ga.; Dewel Cook, Meridian and Hubert Cook, Indianapolis, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren. Pallbearers were J. H. Cox, Mason McMullan, Annon McMullan, Fred Griffin, Jack McMullan and W. H. Johnson Jr.

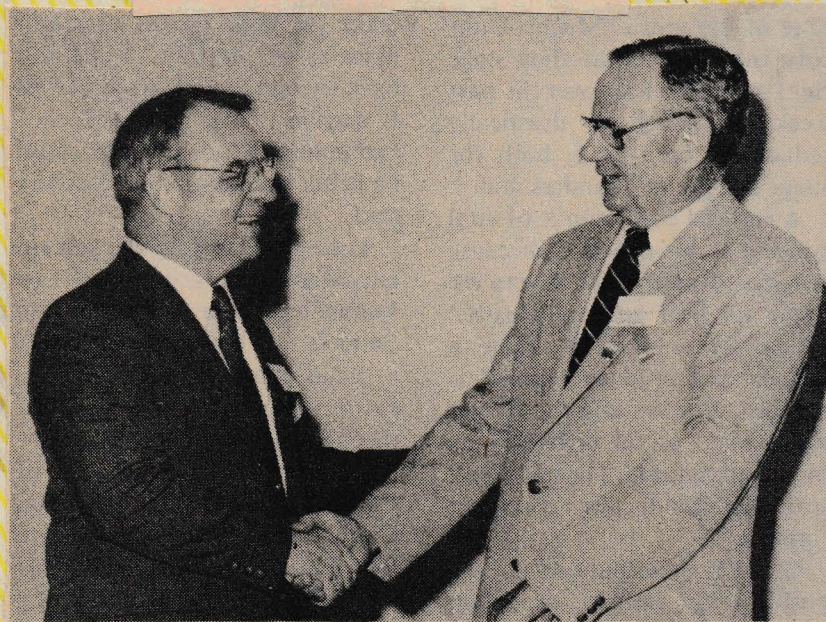


Honored At ECJC

Herman Alford of Philadelphia, "Alumnus of the Year," and Jessie Mae Everett of Decatur, "Distinguished Faculty Member," were honored at East Central Junior College Homecoming activities on October 13. A special reception in their honor was attended by many alumni, former

teachers and friends. Pictured at the reception are, (left to right) ECJC President Dr. Charles V. Wright, Mrs. Charles V. Wright, Mrs. Herman Alford, Mr. Alford, Mrs. Everett and Mr. Bobby Everett.

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Tucker Attends JUCO Meeting

Dr. Shelby F. Thames, left, executive vice president at the University of Southern Mississippi, greets Dr. Bradford Tucker of East Central Junior College in Decatur. Tucker was among persons attending the June 10-11 Junior College Deans' Association meeting, held this year at USM. About 14 of the 16 public junior colleges in the state were represented at the meeting. USM's new General Education Curriculum was one of the topics discussed.



RECEIVES DONATION FOR WEIGHT MACHINE

Coach Tennie Coats of Decatur High School is shown accepting a donation for the new weight machine purchased recently for the Decatur High School athletic department. The Decatur Jaycees made a donation in honor of the Decatur Jaycees as a part of National Jaycee Week observance. Jaycees pictured above are Pam Keith, Jaycee president; Linda Baucum, project chairman, and Carolyn Clark, project committee member.



DECATUR HIGH BETAS AT COFFEE HOUSE—The Decatur High School Beta Club placed first in their talent presentation at the 1972 State Beta Convention. They also appeared at the Mississippi Arts Festival Coffee House, Jackson, on Thursday, April 27, at 7:40 p.m.

The skit presented by the group is one of contemporary songs with emphasis on God. Songs such as "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," "Everything Is Beautiful," and "Pass It On" provide answers to questions youth of today are seeking.

Beta sponsors are Mrs. Lillian Horton, Mrs. Carol Vickers and Miss Gail Fulton. Miss Fulton also serves as accompanist.

First Row (L to R): Kent Reeves, Janet Smith, Jim

Anderson, Denise Horton, Debbie Addy, Joyce Crawford, Vicki Rushing, Leslie Kuykendall, Charles Boggan, Sandi Vallas. Second Row: Nancy Johnson, Pam Newell, Margaret Ann Taylor, Donna Pearson, Jan Cleveland, Genie Seal, Mary Gilmore, Shirley Gunter, Cherry Scoggin.

Third Row: Miss Fulton, Kathleen Kelly, Nona Vickers, Lynn Russell, Denise Davis, Betty Rigdon, Lou Ann Walton, Jan Ethridge, Joan Blackburn. Fourth Row: Beth Harris, Debbie Smith, Roberta Wheeler, Shirley Reeves, Craig Cleveland, Ava Scoggin, Gary Gilmore, Jay Graham, Tommy Joe Munn, Max Anderson.

Not Pictured: Beth Tucker, Kathy May, Susan Johnson.



HOMEcoming QUEEN

Crowned as the 1978 Decatur High School Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies last Friday night was Cathy Boone, daughter of Mr. Mike Boone and the late Mrs. Pauline Boone. Crowning the new queen is Debbie Wroten, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaine Wroten. Serving as the queen's escort for the evening was Victor Merritt, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gus Merritt.



Smith Signed At ECJC

Ken Pouncey, head football coach at East Central Jr. College has announced the signing of Phil Smith (seated), a Senior at Decatur High School, with the 1981-82 Warrior football team.

Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, has been an outstanding high school player and will be an asset to East Central. Pictured with Smith is his high school coach, Kenny Clarke.



AT SCOUT RANCH—Decatur Boy Scouts who left last week for Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico are, from left: Billy Gus Vallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Vallas; Kent Ozborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ozborn; and Mark Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William

Convention Board member dies

R. S. McCrory, 69, died at home in Macon, Tuesday, Nov 22, of a heart attack. Services were at 10 a.m., Nov. 23, at the First Baptist Church, Macon. McCrory was Noxubee Association's representative on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He was a native of McAdams and had lived in Macon for 32 years. He was a deacon, a Marine veteran of World War II and retired executive director of the ASCS. He was county missionary for the Noxubee Baptist Association for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Giles McCrory; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly Smitherman of Starkville; sons, Douglas L. McCrory of Morehead and Mike McCrory of Greenville; seven grandchildren; four sisters, three brothers.

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EC's 1939 State Football Champs!

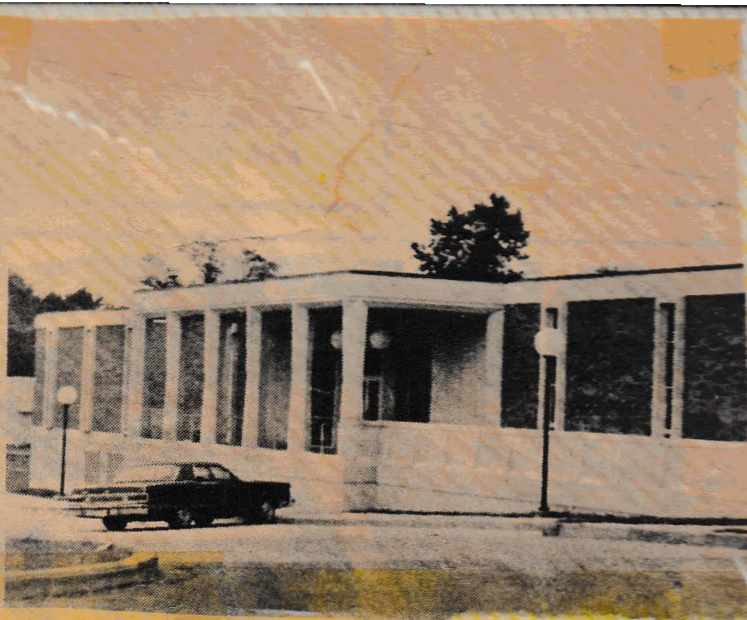
Members of the 1939 East Central Community College football team, the only EC squad to win a state title on the gridiron, held its 50th reunion as part of the college's annual Homecoming activities which took place Saturday, October 14. For many of the former players, it was the first time they had seen each other since those junior college days on the Decatur Campus. Team members who attended the reunion, their place of resident and position on the championship squad, included, seated, from left, Jack Langford, Columbus (blocking back); Lamar Blount, Decatur (tailback); Dillon Richmond, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (end); Falco Cornazza, McKeesport, PA (halfback); Burris O. Smith, Louisville (end); Albert C. Parkes, Marianna, AR (right end); standing, from left, James White, Meridian (manager); Spurgeon Mason, Newton (tackle); Garland Massey, Meridian (guard); Paul Howle, Union (guard); Roland Laper, Hattiesburg (guard); and Shields Sims, Columbus (center). The group was also recognized during the awards luncheon and each member received a plaque commemorating the team's accomplishment. (EC Photo)



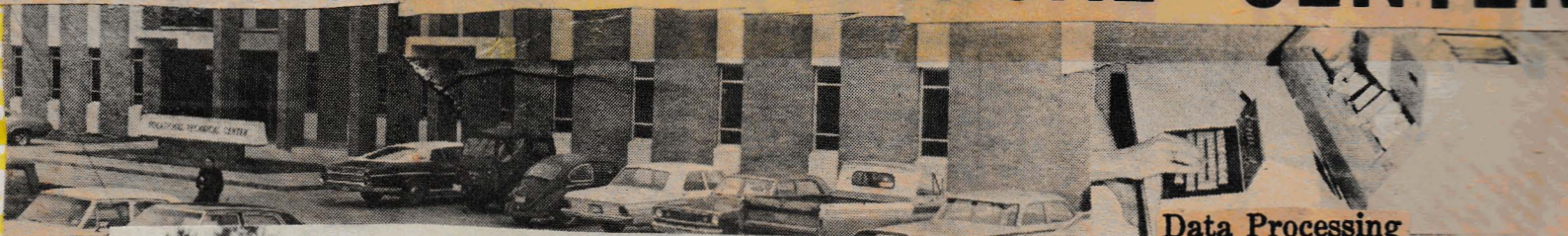
4-H All Star

Amy Pouncey was initiated into the 4-H All Star organization at the recent 4-H Club Congress. She was also elected State 4-H Song Leader.

Amy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pouncey of Decatur, has always been an outstanding 4-H member. She has won many honors



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ECCC GOLF TOURNEY PARTICIPANTS---These area linksters recently competed for top honors in the annual East Central Community College Alumni Golf Tournament held at Decatur Country club prior to the Homecoming celebration. Participating in the nine-hole event were (kneeling from left) Robbie Pearson, Union; Scott May, Forest; Nick Pouncey, Decatur; Patrick Ervin, Sebastopol; Scottie Russell, Decatur; and (standing from left) Louis and Margie Hovarth, Union; Carl Hollingsworth, Newton; Rickey Vaughn, Larry Blackburn, Chris Clark and Joe Clark, all of Decatur; Joel Nelson and Robert Munn, both of Newton; and James McNair, Union. Nelson won the tournament title by carding a one-under par 34. (EC photo)



A women's basketball game, one of the many special activities held throughout the years in the old gymnasium.

If These Walls Could Ever Talk...

Old Gym Helped Make Students Feel Forever Young

If the walls of the old gymnasium at East Central Community College could talk, they might relate a wealth of stories extending back to 1939 when the building was constructed.

The building, one of the first brick gymnasiums built in East Central Mississippi, has served the college and community in many ways. Originally, the building contained a stage and lecture seating and was used as an auditorium as well as a gymnasium.

In 1939, Newton County celebrated the centennial of its formation as a county. The ceremonies and festivities to mark the occasion were held in the East Central gym. Dr. L. D. Thadipoulos and Mrs. Nellie Neil Cross sang, "America the Beautiful." The program was directed by Mrs. Stella Newcome, and the various communities in the county were responsible for presenting such important outstanding events in the county's history.